

Wednesday and Thursday, April 2-3, 2008

Pisa/Northwestern Conference, "Violence--Political and Sacred"
Northwestern University, Harris Hall, Room 108
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Classical Antiquity

9:00 a.m.-12 noon, Wednesday

Bonnie Honig, Northwestern University, Political Science
From Lamentation to Logos: Antigone's Offensive Speech
Francesca Tataranni, Northwestern University, Classics
Warrior Initiation Rites and Ethnicity in Ancient Italy
Robert Wallace, Northwestern University, Classics
Did the Greeks Prefer War to Peace?

The Biblical World

1:30-5:30 p.m., Wednesday

Adriano Fabris, Università di Pisa, Philosophy
The Biblical God and Violence
Kenneth Seeskin, Northwestern University, Philosophy
Why Monotheism is and ought to be Violent
Regina Schwartz, Northwestern University, English
Idolatry and Violence
Stefano Perfetti, Università di Pisa, Philosophy
Figures of Violence in Augustine's City of God

The World of Islam

10:00 a.m.-12 noon, Thursday

Muhammed Sani Umar, Northwestern University, Religion
Religious Discourse on Violence
Rüdiger Seesemann, Northwestern University, Religion
*'Fight the Idolators Wherever You Find Them':
Violence and Politics in the Sudan*

The Modern World

2:00-5:00 p.m., Thursday

Penny Deutscher, Northwestern University, Philosophy
Auto-Immunity and the Violence of the Brute
Hannah Feldman, Northwestern University, Art History
Shooting Protest
Stephen Eisenman, Northwestern University, Art History
*Revisiting the 'Dialectic of Enlightenment':
Abu Ghraib and the Pathos Formula*

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